

Belding Celebrates With News Of Peace

MADE MISTAKE IN ARRESTING AND JAILING SERGT. MYERS

MEMBER OF CANADIAN BLACK WATCH FOUND TO BE GENUINE—QUICKLY RELEASED.

A number of wise heads said, "I told you so," etc., Wednesday night and Thursday of last week when the article in the Banner-News came out with the announcement that Under-sheriff Mark Hoppough had been in the city and had taken Sergt. W. J. Myers, a returned Canadian soldier and a member of the Canadian Black Watch contingent to Ionia, where he was placed in jail to await instructions from the American Protective League, which association had requested his arrest on a federal warrant, which is said would issue on a charge of alleged violation of the espionage law. It had been reported undoubtedly by some one in this city, that Myers was talking too much and that he was not the man wanted at all and that he was in no way guilty or even suspected of such a charge. Myers was then released by the Ionia county authorities and he returned to Belding and on Saturday left here for Windsor, from where he writes that he is at the home of his aunt for several weeks and will soon make a trip up here. He said his best wishes to his friends and thanks them for the faith which they had in him.

Regardless of who the party is who sent in the false report regarding Myers, it is a dirty, low, contemptible trick and the party who so far lowered themselves as to willfully mislead the authorities and cause the arrest and apprehension of anyone, especially a man who early held the call to the colors and went forth to fight at the risk of his life, against one of the fiercest, savage and most inhuman war machines that history has ever brought to the knowledge of man, as did W. J. Myers, that party would be given but little consideration as a number of citizens to cover him with a good thick coating of warm tar and feathers. We can hardly believe that there lives within the confines of our fair city, a man who would report another person as guilty of some crime against the government or anything else in the criminal line, so as to get someone else in trouble but such evidently is the case and a man who has since been proved innocent was wrongly jailed and suffered humiliation which no person should suffer.

Sergt. Myers at all times carried with him papers relative to his fur- lough which runs until December 4. He also carried his passport and a number of other papers which he de- scribed as a bogus soldier of any kind would have but to have questioned him to have found out.

A Mr. Utley, mentioned in the papers which the sheriff's office received before arresting Myers, cannot be found and in case he could be found, some light might be thrown on the case and the person who first sent out the false report to the American Protective League might receive his just deserts for sending in false information in this matter.

New Miller in the City.
"Yes, sir, and he weighs just seven and one-half pounds and he arrived early Monday morning," said O. M. Ayers, miller for the Gleaner Clearing House local mill when telling about that new boy that came to Mrs. Ayers and himself that day. Of course, because it is the first boy born in the family, the city had to celebrate that day also. Both Mrs. Ayers and the youngster are progressing nicely. The young man in answer to the name of Richard Elliott.

Has Unique Quilt.
Baby Travis, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Travis, is the possessor of a very unique quilt made by his great-grandmother, Mrs. J. D. Richardson. This quilt is composed of 1,146 half squares and indeed is a work of art. Mrs. Richardson is years of age but she can still ply her needle to the discredit of some of the younger people. All hail to Grandma Richardson.

Dispensed Sweet Cider.
During the big time Thursday afternoon, someone brought in a barrel of cider from Reed & Emmons' cider mill west of the city and it was given away from in front of the postoffice. Henry Friedly acted as bartender and dispensed the pleasant tasting liquid as fast as it could run from the barrel. The cider had been pressed just that morning and was about as sweet as it could be had.

Gleaner Notice.
Grattan arbor, No. 372, A. O. G., will hold their annual meeting at the home of Companions Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stevens Saturday, Nov. 16. A good attendance is desired as there will be the election of officers, also a chicken dinner.

To Hold Mission Here.

Rev. Fr. John A. Kilch will hold a one week mission here, starting next Sunday, November 17, to which the public is invited. The mission is a short course of instruction on matters of religion and is not confined to the people of St. Joseph's Catholic church alone, but is for all persons who are right indeed in their search for the true church, which in these days of so many denominations, is to the ordin- ary person a more than a puzzling question. Rev. Fr. Ellerbush of Grand Rapids is here this week con- ducting a mission at St. Mary's church in Miriam and on Sunday this mission will end there to be started in the lo- cal church that morning and to con- tinue through the week. The services in this city will consist of a mass at 5:30 each morning to allow of the at- tendance of the working people of the city. Another mass will be read at 7:30 and the evening service will be at 7:30 o'clock. All people, Protest- ant as well as Catholic are invited to any or all of the services, especially the evening services.

FRED W. HOLMES, AN IONIA COUNTY PIONEER, IS DEAD

WELL KNOWN BELDING MAN PASSES TO REWARD AT RIPE OLD AGE OF 88 YEARS.

Fred W. Holmes, aged 88 years, died at the home of his daughter, Miss Carrie Holmes, 516 S. Broad street, last Wednesday at midnight after a long and useful life among the peo- ple of this city and county. Mr. Holmes being considered as one of the pioneers of this district and was a highly respected citizen.

The funeral was held from his late home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. W. Sheehan, an old friend of a former M. E. minister of this city officiating, assisted by Rev. P. R. Norton and burial was in Green's cem- etery by the side of his wife and two sons who have preceded him into the Great Beyond.

Fred W. Holmes was born in Nor- folk county, Ontario, Canada, August 1, 1830. In 1867 he moved to this country, settling on a farm in Or- leans. Here he resided till 1910 when he came to this city to live until his death, Nov. 6, 1918.

Mr. Holmes was married while in Canada and to this union were born four children: Louis L., Charles R., Carrie and Lyman W. Louis was at one time in the drug business in Belding in the firm of Holmes & Connell, later Louis and Lyman were in the clothing business here in the firm of Holmes & Holmes.

For the past eight years Mr. Holmes has lived with his daughter, Carrie, in Belding. He has been a man of splendid health until six months be- fore his death.

Always a Christian man of reserv- ed and quiet dignity, Mr. Holmes was respected and loved of all, and his memory will be always cherished. The contribution which he has made to our lives is the greatest contribution that any man can make, of character. This is the final test of human service and while he has taken his active part in public life, he has not failed to crown it all with a character that would be a crown to any life.

Married Thursday, Nov. 7.
A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mrs. E. I. Arnold on Thursday, Nov. 7 at high noon when her daughter, Marion was united in marriage to Mr. Roy Bomer of Albion Rev. Wm. J. Rooke performing the ceremony. Only immediate relatives were present, the oldest being the grandmother of the bride, Mrs. Buchanan of Sturgis, aged 86 years and the youngest Miss Jean Campbell, aged 11 months, niece of the bride- groom.

Miss Arnold was a former teacher in our city schools, going to Chicago five years ago where she has continued until resigning for her marriage.

After the ceremony a fine wedding dinner was served, Misses Luella and Julia Met Arnold assisting. Mr. and Mrs. Bomer will be at home to their friends in Albion after December 1. Congratulations and good wishes go with them.

Came Home to Vote.
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Caldwell and Miss Agnes Hall went to Grand Rapids Tuesday to get Harold Caldwell, from Camp Custer, and bring him home to this city so that he could vote. They took him back to Grand Rapids again on Wednesday morning by auto, after the soldier boy had en- joyed a splendid visit with his home folks.

We Make a Correction.
In calling the attention of our read- ers to the honor certificate which the Belding Savings bank had received recently from the government, for financial services rendered, we stated that there were but four of these cer- tificates given to banks in Ionia coun- ty. We had been misinformed in the matter and as we passed the People's Savings bank, on Saturday, we noticed that they also had one of these merit certificates on display in their window. This makes at least five of them in the county.

Good Crop of Potatoes.
Frank Gibson, a farmer living south of the city had a three acre patch of potatoes from which he dug 504 bush- els of the finest quality tubers which he had ever raised. They were very large and Mr. Gibson has as yet to find the first hollow potato in the lot. The quality was pronounced excellent by buyers and they were sold at top notch prices.

RETURNED FROM BELGIUM AND GAVE SPLENDID TALK

MRS. BASIL CLARKE PLEASES PACKED AUDIENCE AT OPERA HOUSE ON CONDITIONS IN BELGIUM.

Mrs. Basil Clark, formerly of Bel- gium, gave one of the best talks on war conditions in that unhappy coun- try at the opera house Monday night that we have ever been favored with and the audience which listened to her filled the big room so that not even standing room was available.

Henry J. Leonard acted as chair- man of the meeting and first intro- duced Mrs. William H. Wait of Ann Arbor who talked in the interest of the War Work drive and then Mrs. Clark was introduced. Mrs. Clark was an American lady residing in Bel- gium at the time the war broke out and lived there for two years after it began and in her talk, she so forcibly brought out the facts of the invasion and devastation of Belgium by the Germans, that she seemed to be ac- tually re-living those horrible days over again. Mrs. Clark told of the carrying away from Belgium by the Germans, of all the able bodied non-combatant men and young innocent girls of Belgium, for work in Ger- many for the former and for the brutal and immoral use of the German officers and soldiery in the case of the latter.

Mrs. Clarke also spoke in the in- terest of the seven great war work campaign and could not praise too highly the work of the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Knights of Col- umbus, the Jewish Welfare Board, the Salvation Army, the War Camp Community Service and the American Library association during the war and forcibly brought out the fact that the need of support for these great humanitarian agents will be even greater after the ending of the war, than it was during the war because of the fighting in the Amer- ican soldiers in France will have more time for recreation and the ever pres- ent temptations which they are sub- ject to in foreign countries.

It is safe to say that a collection called for at the conclusion of Mrs. Clarke's talk, for the support of these agencies, that those present would have been enthusiastically in favor of supporting the work that they would have taken off their shirts and walked home barebacked to help the boys over there and it is beyond a question that with the fine talk which Mrs. Clarke gave, that the people of this city will liberally contribute to the war work fund and help us go to the top with the quota which the people hereabouts are to raise as their share.

It is seldom that the people of any locality are treated to as good a speaker as Mrs. Clarke and the men who succeeded in getting her to come to this city for a talk should be com- mended for their action.

Died at Battle Creek.
Mrs. Theodora Caroline Grant, 61 years, old, and wife of Lester Grant, passed away at her home, 393 Cham- pion street, Friday morning at 7:00 o'clock, after a long illness. Funeral services will be private and will be held from the residence Sunday after- noon at 2 o'clock. Rev. F. H. Bod- man will officiate and the remains will be taken to Detroit for cremation. Friends are requested to omit flowers.

Lester Grant and family were for- mer and highly respected residents of our city and Mrs. Grant's many friends in Belding will sorrow with the bereaved family in learning of her death.

Mrs. Grant was a woman of most estimable character and sterling worth always standing for the best in life. She was closely connected with all of the activities of the Congregational church, head officer of the Royal Neighbors for a long time and a mem- ber of the Woman's club and many an old time friend will most sincerely sympathize with the family at this parting in life's ways.

Are After Their Buck.
Artie McCoy, Elmer Cook, Willis Shipman, Fred Benton and Forest Greenwalt left here Friday night for Kenneth, U. P., in search of their an- nual deer quota of one buck. The men are all old hunters and have a reputation of getting what they go after each year. Artie McCoy even shot a bear last year.

Celebrated His Birthday.
Birney Strunk, of the firm of Chap- man & Strunk, the South Bridge street grocers, failed to catch the spirit of the premature peace celebra- tion, of Thursday, and as Birney hap- pened to be 39 years old that day, he took it that the people of the city were also aware of the fact and were giving him a good celebration in hon- or of his birthday.

Notice.
A special election will be held in the three wards of the city of Belding, Dec. 10, 1918. Nominating petitions will be ready for distribution Satur- day, Nov. 9. Get your petition, se- lect your man for commissioner, se- cure not less than 50 or more than 75 qualified voters of Belding and file your signed petition with the city clerk not later than Nov. 23, 1918. Sign only one petition for commissioner. F. E. Conant, City Clerk.

Mrs. Frank Fuller received word Wednesday that one of her nephews, Schaefer Knox, had been killed in ac- tion.

Why Advertised Stores Succeed

Reason No. 5.

The advertised store gives the peo- ple news in which the people are in- terested. The closer an item of fact comes to the personal affairs of the people, the more persons are inter- ested in it. There are few items in a newspaper that come closer home to our daily life than an announcement that a merchant has a lot of goods which he can offer at an unusually low price.

When you get a lot of people to reading about a store and what it is doing and offering, the same people will soon be seen visiting that store. The desire is so keen to avoid the high prices, that any suggestion of economies attracts a crowd.

A store that advertises bargains impresses them as a store where there is life and motion and things doing. So the advertised store is the well filled store, and the well filled store is the store that does a big business.

DRAFT CLASSIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED

TELEGRAM FROM WAR BOARD TELLS THAT ACTION ALONG THIS LINE BE STOPPED.

County Clerk George W. Moulton received a telegram from Lansing early this morning to the effect that from this date no more draft classifica- tions would be made, owing to the cessation of hostilities over in Europe perhaps. This applies to every one between the ages of 37 and 45, to whom questionnaires had been sent for filling in and instead of going to some notary or other official, the per- son to whom the blank was sent should place it in the return envelope and send it back to the county clerk's office, which place is headquarters for the local war board or Ionia county.

Mr. Moulton also advised us that all men who had been notified to ap- pear before the draft board for phys- ical examination, at any date in the future, should remain at home as no further physical examinations would be made, at least not until further ad- vices had been received from Wash- ington to that effect, which will in all probability not be sent out, as the war board is stopping as much of the war preparedness machinery as it can and still be ready to resume again just as soon as it should deem nec- essary if peace should not come as ex- pected.

Union Peace Service.

There will be a union peace service next Sunday night at the Methodist church at 7:00. There will be special music by the choir and the orches- tra, and four ten-minute addresses by Revs. Biss, Lull, Rooke and Norton. We invite every citizen to be present, that we may unite our hearts in grate- fulness for a victorious Christ in the world.

Governor Sleeper has requested that all churches and people in the state observe next Sunday as a day to thank God for peace and the union peace service is in conformity with this request.

Dancing Party Big Success.

A large crowd attended the special dancing party given by Hale's orches- tra in Hubbell hall last Saturday eve- ning. Every surrounding town was well represented. Owing to the large number of requests Manager Hale announces the Saturday half- night parties will continue during No- vember. The orchestra prepares a special program of music for the most popular hits for these parties which together with the special reduced prices offer a very fine attraction for dancers. The parties run from 8:30 to 12 and you are a stranger only once. Try it Saturday night and you won't regret it.

How About Your Subscription?

We have met with a most universal satisfaction in getting responses to the statements which we sent out with the papers last week and it is evi- dent that many people who were sus- pected of not appreciating the paper as they ought to have a great interest in its future success. Many who had let the payment of their subscription slip by unnoticed have been in and paid up and there are many coming in each and every day. The time is growing short until we must send in our report to the government and we would appreciate it if you would come in and assist us in straightening things up. If we have made a mis- take in your bill, come in or send in the amount which it calls for and we will attend to the correction. We wish to express our hearty thanks to those good friends who responded so quickly to the statements and we will ever have a kindly feeling toward them. The statements were not sent out as duns, but were sent out to conform to the war board's require- ments in the matter of saving paper. If you have not been in to attend to your subscription as yet please come in at once and see us about it. Even if you cannot pay today, come in and see us about it, so that we will know just where we stand and so that we can report to the government accord- ingly.

Build Up to \$10,000.

Restrictions on the erection of buildings have been taken off and it is now permissible to put up a building in either the city or country to the value of \$10,000 without the neces- sity of obtaining any official notifi- cation or approval.

ALLIE ARNWINE POPULAR LOCAL GIRL IS DEAD

PERITONITIS SUDDENLY CAUSED DEATH OF ONE OF CITY'S MOST RESPECTED LADIES.

Local people received a sad shock when it became noised through the city Tuesday forenoon that Miss Allie Arnwine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Arnwine was seriously ill at her parents' home and that her recovery was very doubtful and within a short time the word was passed out that Miss Arnwine had passed away at 10 o'clock that forenoon after an illness of about ten days, but which had been of such a nature that only since Sunday evening had she been confined to her bed. Peritonitis was given at the cause of death.

The funeral will be held tomorrow Thursday, afternoon at 2 o'clock from the house, Rev. Rooke, the new min- ister at the Congregational church officiating and interment will be in the Otisco cemetery.

Miss Arnwine was a splendid young lady and was well known and uni- versally liked by all the people of this city and her untimely death will be learned of with regret by more than her immediate circle of close friends because of the fact that one whose cheerful ways and pleasant disposi- tion, as were those of the deceased, will be missed by all.

Miss Arnwine had been a resident of this city practically all her life and leaves to mourn their loss, her par- ents, a sister, Mrs. Carroll Spicer of this city and another sister, Mrs. George Y. Reed, of Detroit.

TELLS PEOPLE OF THEIR SOLDIERS LANDS IN JAIL

DEMENTED MAN TOLD BIG STORIES OF PROWESS AS AVIATOR IN THE BRITISH SERVICE.

Under-sheriff Mark Hoppough was in the city Wednesday of last week and while here picked up a fellow giving the name of Gordon Ashman, who had been visiting the homes of peo- ple in Ionia, whose sons or other close relatives are in the service overseas and telling them that he had just re- turned from the war zone and that he had talked with their boys over there and that they had asked him to hunt up the home folks when he reached here and tell them all about it. After working a number of Ionia peo- ple with such stories Ashman came to Belding just in time to give the sheriff's office the slip in Ionia and then his mania for pulling such crazy stunts returned to him and he came to Belding.

He called on Mrs. Florence West and told her that he had visited with her son, Floyd Pierson and that Floyd had asked him to come and see his mother. He also visited num- bers of other people in this city and spun off a yarn of about the same nature. In each case the talk was so big that it was seemingly unbelievable, but the home folks while entertaining some suspicion as to the veracity of the tales, were still glad to see some- one who carried a personal message from their sons over there.

Ashman told of some of the wonder- ful souvenirs which the local boys had secured from Germans whom they had taken prisoner. He said that one local boy had a jackknife one foot long which had 100 blades to it. Some other imaginary trophies were de- scribed as being in the possession of the boys over there and which they were going to bring home with them when they came.

Ashman, while dressed in civilian clothing, claimed to have been in the British aviation service and stated he had captured hundreds of prisoners himself and that he had taken 68 watches away from as many prison- ers. These watches he was glowingly described as some of the most re- markable works which one could imagine. When asked where they were at present, he stated that the authorities at Washington had refus- ed to let him bring them inland but that he would bring them to this city for a window display in a local store. He also stated that he had hundreds of rings which he had taken from off the hands of dead German soldiers. He claimed that he would swoop down from the sky in his airplane directly after a battle and take rings from off the fingers of dead Germans. He said that he sometimes had to do this work in a hurry and that if the rings came off rather hard, that he would take out his knife and cut the finger and all off and he claimed that many of these rings still had the fingers sticking in them, owing to the fact that he had not as yet had the time to take them out.

A Ionia Ashman was examined and it was found out that he had at one time been detained on account of his sanity and while waiting for an op- eration to help him regain his mental faculties again, that he skipped out and had been able to elude the officers who had been hunting him ever since. Ashman claimed to hail from some place between Lansing and Jackson.

Never present books of poetry to a lawyer. Better slip down to the telephone and ask the police who will capture any lawless individual, sur- render plan.

WASHINGTON'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF SIGNING OF ARMISTICE BY GERMANS SETS CITY ON FIRE WITH JOY

Big Whistle On Belding-Hall Co's. Factory "A" Once More Stirs People With News of First Steps in Move- ments Toward Final Peace

BAND BOYS, AS USUAL ON THE JOB BRIGHT AND EARLY WITH PATRIOTIC AIRS WHICH KEPT UP FLOOD OF PATRIOTISM THROUGH THE DAY

One of the Biggest and Best Parades Ever Staged in the City Was Hastily Arranged and Held at 1:30 o'clock P. M. Was More Than A Mile In Length

Official word from Washington that the armistice had been signed by the defeated Germans, who had uncondi- tionally accepted its terms reached this city on Monday morning at 5 o'clock and the central office of the Citizens Telephone Co. local exchange sent word over to the men who at- tended to the big steam power plant at Belding-Hall's factory "A" and within a few seconds the whistle cord was securely tied so that it kept blowing for a long time until the other whistles, bells and other noise producing agents in the city had taken the good news up and such a pandemonium of noise reigned in this city as the oldest inhabitants have no remembrance of. It was taken by some as another false alarm and these fellows, on hearing the whistle, blinked their eyes, rolled over and tried to go to sleep again, but something told them that this time the news was genuine. Previous and false alarms of peace might have given cause for rejoicing and the participation in a general good time, but many made up their minds after the spurge of Thursday, that the next time that they went to a celebration, it would be only after the receipt of a personal letter from the president to the effect that peace was an assured fact. For this reason it might be, that it took a little longer to get the fellows out of bed and get a crowd collected on Main street, but when that good old merry crowd did show up on the street, it was of the kind wanted to make the day one of the biggest in the history of Belding.

Some of the factories started up, but all it took was the nucleus of the first parade to pass these places of employment to draw them from them, the workers from the machines and the benches and join the ever increasing throng of patriotic celebrators who had started out to do things and do them right. The parade marched from one end of the pavement on Bridge street to the ex- treme other end, all of the paraders in their working clothes and about one-half of the men carrying dinner pails for which they had no use that great day. It became augmented in numbers and strength at every street intersection until when it finally stop- ped it contained nearly one thousand people.

A more formal affair in the way of a parade was staged again at nine o'clock when the procession, led by Ben Friedly, Fred LaBrie and Lot- tie Holliday started south on Bridge street, followed by a crowd of people which numbered close to 2,000, among which was a goodly number of patri- otic trunants from the city schools who had forgotten that such institu- tions were in existence and when the parade reached South Bridge street, these trunants, in some manner con- veyed to get the procession headed over on Alderman street and then down Center street, past the Central High school building where they halted the procession and held a demonstra- tion for the special benefit of Supt. Skinner and those of the students who had gone to school in the morning in- stead of remaining away for the pa- ride. School room decorum faded away when the procession appeared and the scholars flocked unrestricted to the windows, professor teachers and all took in the sight, while the gathering on the street outside sang patriotic songs.

Dignity was cast to the four winds as men and women, boys and girls, in ordinary every day dress, in comic costumes of every description cov- ered gaily about, happy in the knowl- edge that the Yanks had turned the trick over in Europe and had brought the Bully of Berlin to his knees. Young ladies of our city, who ordinarily look neither to the right or left when pass- ing down the street to maintain their standing in the community, forgot themselves and danced and joked with the ragged, blackfaced artists, of whom there appeared to be a plenty. These same darkies also forgot their prejudice which they hold for the white race and mingled with the ordi- nary "white trash" in the jollifica- tion as it progressed.

During the forenoon, wiser heads got together and began to plan for a day of officially recognized celebration and during the course of the meeting and while the crowd was still carry- ing on outside, the committee decided that the day being fair and the crowd already on the ground, with more and more coming in hourly, that the prop- er time was that afternoon and ac- cordingly Mayor E. E. Fales was chosen chairman of the day, with Bert Kummer on the music committee, C. M. Wise, marshal and Vern E. Brown and R. Earl Wilson as aides. Byron F. Brown was chairman of the committee on program.

The parade formed at the city hall at 1:30 and was headed by the Belding band, next came Mayor Fales and the city officials, with Adelbert Rich- mond, a sailor home on furlough, from the U. S. S. America, as a guest of honor. Following them came the grand old boys of the Grand Army of the Republic and the old boys made a grand showing, even though their step may be faltering somewhat and not so sprightly as in years gone by. They are a bunch of grand and noble citizens, deserving of all the honor and respect that can be shown them and the sacrifices which they made during the dark days of the Civil war are on a par with those which our gallant heroes of today, over there in France are making for us today.

A delegation of business men, some in comic costume, came next and were followed by citizens of the city. The local group of Boy Scouts came next and then the smaller children of the schools. Men on horses and a num- ber of automobiles and floats came next. One rather unique feature of the parade was the old Foster hearse, exceedingly antique in appear- ance alongside of modern present day conveyances, in which, reposed the supposed remains of one late William Hohenzollern. Large bouquets of cabbage had been brought to attest the esteem in which he was held by the community and the funeral music consisted of dinky banjo numbers selected at random by Ed. Anthony, the new West Main street blacksmith, ably assisted by his son and Glen Vassick. The hearse was drawn through the streets of the city and in the parade by a large number of men and caused quite a deal of merry com- ment.

We forgot to mention that there were two ladies, Miss Glenn Brown and Miss Carlton Wheeler in the pa- rade and that they actually flirted with people who stood on the streets watching the parade.